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## Community Advisory Group Convenes to Help Guide Improvements at WSF's Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal

(SEATTLE)- Community members representing a broad range of interests from Bainbridge Island and greater Kitsap County have been selected to participate as members of the Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Improvement Project. The CAG will kick-off their efforts at a meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> to advise the project team over the next year in updating the 1998 Terminal Master Plan.

WSF received nearly 50 letters of interest and selected the final 12 CAG members through a screening process that included participation from local elected officials. CAG members were selected to represent a broad cross-section of geographic locations, interest groups and community organizations. In addition to the 12 members, the CAG will have a standing position for a representative from the Bainbridge Island Ferry Advisory Committee.

### CAG members:

- Ann Bernheisel (Suquamish resident)
- Carol Cahill (Jefferson County resident)
- Bob Campbell (Bainbridge Island resident)
- Kevin Dwyer (Bainbridge Island resident)
- Phedra Elliot (Indianola resident)
- Rik Langendoen (Bainbridge Island resident)
- Lisa Macchio (Bainbridge Island resident)
- Dolores Palomo (Bainbridge Island resident)
- Merrill Robison (Bainbridge Island resident)
- Janice Shaw (Bainbridge Island resident)
- John Whitlow (Bainbridge Island resident)
- Don Willott (Bainbridge Island resident)

CAG members will provide input to WSF from the community perspective throughout the development of a preferred option for the ferry terminal and assist in keeping the community informed of the project's progress. In addition to attending CAG meetings, members will participate in public meetings and report on public comments. The first CAG meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Kids Discovery Museum

located at 305 Madison Avenue North, Suite C, Bainbridge Island. The CAG meetings are open to the public.

WSF is improving the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal to increase the safety and reliability of service at one of WSF's busiest facilities. Major repairs to the facility were completed over 20 years ago. Key structural components of the terminal need to be replaced and safety and circulation improvements are needed for transit, autos, pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with limited mobility.

As a first step to the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Improvement Project, WSF is updating the 1998 Master Plan to reflect changes in WSF operations and community initiatives. WSF will also look at opportunities to generate non-farebox revenue at the facility. The update will include re-examining original data, looking at past options and reasons for selection, and revising the plan to reflect new information and requirements. The Master Plan Update will occur during 2006. For more information on the project, please visit the project website at:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/projects/bainbridgeterminalMPU/>

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